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INTERESTING NEWS.

Discovery of the Frozen Bodies of Sir John Franklin and his Men, by Dr. Kane's Party.

ALBANY, Sunday, Dec. 3.

The Lake Superior Mining News of the 27th ult. says:

We learn by private letters that the bodies of Sir JOHN FRANKLIN and his men have been found by Dr. KANE's party, completely frozen and in a perfect state of preservation.

It adds: That from the authority from whence we have gained this information, we have the right to believe it as perfectly true.

IMPORTANT FROM WASHINGTON.

Resignation of the President of the Senate—Senator Bright to be His Successor.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Dec. 3.

Senator ATCHISON has forwarded to the Secretary of the Senate his resignation as President of that body. Senator BRIGHT, of Indiana, has been agreed upon for his successor. This restores good feeling between the Administration and the Democratic leaders in the Senate. It is considered doubtful whether a quorum of members of the House will be here to-morrow. There is not a quorum in town to-night. S.

From our Regular Telegraphic Agent.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Dec. 2.

A special messenger, with copies of the President's Message, left here this morning for Baltimore, Philadelphia, New-York and Boston. The messenger for Cincinnati left this afternoon, and the messenger for Richmond, Petersburg, Wilmington and Charleston, leaves this evening. It was the original intention to send it to Richmond only, omitting Petersburg, Wilmington and Charleston; but the President was prevailed upon to extend the favor of an advance copy to Charleston.

Messrs. SELDEN, WITHERS & Co., have assigned the assets of the late Exchange Bank of this city to Mr. BAYNE and JOHN A. ENGLISH, merchants, of Alexandria. The assignment does not cover the property of any parties not already involved in the business of the bank.

Intelligence has been received here stating that the Resolutions in the Missouri Legislature have joined in unanimous with the Whigs to defeat the election of Mr. ATCHISON in the United States Senate.

The correspondence of the Richmond *Whig* states that a high state of excitement is prevailing in the Virginia Democratic Convention, and that the proceedings are very disorderly and turbulent. HENRY A. WISE, it is thought, will surely receive the nomination for Governor.

News has just been received that HENRY A. WISE has received the nomination for Governor by the State Convention.

The annual reports from the heads of the several Departments of the Government will be transmitted from here by mail to-morrow afternoon.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Dec. 3.

The members of both Houses are arriving here in large numbers from all sections of the country. The greatest activity is being exhibited, and everybody here is looking forward to the proceedings of to-morrow with feelings of considerable interest.

Lord Palmerston and the General Powers—Terrible Prospect for Europe—Appeal to Liberal Sentiments of the People.

Correspondence of the Baltimore Sun.

WASHINGTON, FRIDAY, Dec. 1, 1854.

Intimations are given out in diplomatic circles that the visit of Lord PALMERSTON in Paris is really what I alluded to in my published letter of to-day, connected with politics in Germany. It is shaped to suppose that while three of the great powers of Europe are at war, the two remaining powers of the Pentarchy can preserve peace. Next year will probably see the whole of Europe in fire and flames.

Hints are also thrown out that France and England, in case they are deserted by Austria and Prussia, will appeal to the liberal sentiments of the people; while, on the other hand, it is asserted in a certain diplomatic quarter that the CZAR can take a hand at the game game. This is an optical delusion. The Autocrat of Russia cannot play at such a game without destroying himself and Russia. England can only play it in a bungling manner. France alone, in such a game, is sure of winning the old trick.

When at the Congress of Verona, which lasted from the 1st of October to the 23d December, 1822, the Holy Alliance, composed of Russia, Austria, and Prussia, declared that no government is legal except that which exists by the supreme will of the Sovereign, the Duke of WELLINGTON, then Minister Plenipotentiary to that Congress, instructed by Mr. CANNING, declared in reply, that on this principle the throne of His Majesty, the King of Great Britain and Ireland was itself an usurpation; while Mr. CANNING threatened, in case the Holy Alliance gave consequence to their declaration, TO LET DEMOCRACY LOOSE UPON EUROPE! This was the declaration of Mr. CANNING; but neither the character of Englishmen, nor the historical antecedents of England, render her fit to play the part of a democratic.

As to Russia, she has not, yet, a democratic element in her constitution; consequently she cannot "be let loose." Even her autocracy is, as yet, destitute of political rights. The power of Russia consists in the bodies, of her subjects, and in the dispersion of the Czar. Civilized Russia would be weaker than England or France.

France, by her science, her high civilization, her arts and manufactures, and from the fact of setting the nations, in the great moral spectacle of Europe. The French language is the polite language of Europe, Frenchmen currently the standard of good breeding in every gentleman in Europe. The society of Paris, by itself is ruled by the laws of Paris; the Palace itself is being called "the Frenchman of the North." But this is not all.

NAPOLEON BONAPARTE, though absolute monarch of France, was the son of *the great revolution* of 1789, and he ruled throughout the democratic genius. When he knocked off crowns from the heads of princes, as boys amuse themselves by knocking off heads of thistles, it was his boast to have come from the people.

The present Emperor of the French, however crowned by the Red Republicans, is heir to the political sympathies of his uncle. He is, by his very profession, a democrat. He is, by his very education, a democrat. He is, by his very birth, a democrat. He, too, is the child of revolution; and, mark me, wherever his opponents may say, remember that the Genius Idol, wherever idolized, is the child of autocratic soldiery, shall bear aloft the standard of civilization.

The general depression of commercial affairs under which the country labors, is not likely to be relieved until the war shall either come to a conclusion, or take a more favorable turn for the Allies. [illegible] Our great staple, cotton, is depressed in foreign markets, and will be more so if war continues. Our shipping interests suffer in this state of things, and even our finest clipper ships are likely to rot for want of employment. The war, carried on as it will be with the whole force of money, men and material that England and France can employ, will serve to arouse and develop the latent energies of Russia, and bring them ultimately into dangerous conflict with the civilization of Western Europe.

A poor fellow, formerly known to many of our citizens, died, after a lingering disease, in the penitentiary. He had fought bravely in the Florida and Mexican wars under Gen. TAYLOR. For a year past, being convicted of larceny, he has suffered imprisonment. When he died, the humane warden caused the body to be taken into the chapel, where a funeral discourse was delivered by the chaplain—at the conclusion of the sermon all the prisoners passed around the coffin and for the last time viewed the cold form of their old companion. These exercises seemed to impress each of them in a remarkable manner. As the poor fellow owned some funds, the proceeds of his land warrant were appropriated to his more genteel interment in one of our city burial grounds.

The Case of James McDonald, Claimed Under the Ashburton Treaty—Mortality—Political Nominations, &c., &c.

BOSTON, Saturday, Dec. 2.

The case of JAMES MCDONALD, of the fishing-schooner *R. & M. Rogers*, who is claimed by the British Consul under the Ashburton Treaty, on a charge of murder at Cape Breton, has been postponed until Monday, when the Commissioner will probably give a decision.

The deaths in this city for the week ending to-day were 64.

The Whigs of Cambridge have nominated Rev. J. C. LOVEJOY for Mayor, and Mr. Z. L. RAYMOND is said to be the Know-Nothing candidate for that office.

During the past year two hundred and sixty-nine thousand dollars have been contributed for charitable purposes by citizens of Boston, besides the large amount in private charities, not made known.

The Coroner's investigation relating to the loss of life in the destruction of the steamboat *Ocean*, has not been concluded. A correspondent of the *Bangor Journal* attributes the instant conflagration that took place on board the steamer to the fact that casks of ardent spirits, directed to the different towns on the Kennebec River, stored in the express messenger's room, were stove in by the collision, and afterwards ignited by the upsetting of the stoves.

Excitement in Regard to a Negro—Four Persons Shot, &c.

CINCINNATI, Saturday, Dec. 2.

The Louisville papers of this morning contain an account of a negro who kept a gang-chop on a flat boat at Cairo, who, having been sued for sixty dollars and judgment rendered against him, threatened to shoot the magistrate if he refused to let him off. Soon afterwards he armed himself and took a stand upon his boat, waiting for the magistrate to come along. Upon hearing what his intentions were, a large crowd of people surrounded the boat, and threatened to destroy it. The negro then fired into the crowd, and wounded four persons, when his boat was fired, cut loose and cut adrift, and as soon as it had got out some distance in the river, the negro tied a weight around his neck, jumped overboard, and was drowned.

The River—Eastern Exchanges—Markets, &c.

CINCINNATI, Saturday, Dec. 2.

A large public meeting was held here in the Exchange, this evening, for the purpose of taking measures to resist the payment of taxes that had been unjustly assessed by the City Auditor.

There is now four and a half feet of water in the Ohio River, and it still continues slowly rising.

Eastern exchange is dull, and is selling at a half to one per cent. premium.

Hogs are $4 65 and advancing. Prime barrel and keg lard is quoted at 9 cents per pound.

Further from Mexico.

BALTIMORE, Saturday, Dec. 2.

New-Orleans papers of Sunday last are received. They contain details of the Mexican news to the 23d ult., received by the steamship *Oriziba*. It is of but little importance.

Señor CABEZAS, editor of the *Iris*, and a number of other persons, had been banished by order of the Government for political offences.

The papers of the Capital report further successes by the Government over the revolutionists.

Señor CARIZAR had been appointed Governor of the District of Mexico in place of Señor BONILLA, appointed General of Police.

A very rich placer is said to have been discovered in one of the districts from which the insurgents had been driven by the Government troops.

Señor RAFAEL RAFAEL, who succeeds Señor ARRANGOIS as Consul-General in the United States, arrived at New-Orleans in the *Oriziba*.

Texan dates of the 23d mention that the insurgents on the Rio Grande were again organizing, and had called on CABAVAZA to lead them.

From Havana and Key West—The Princeton Going in Search of the Sloop-of-War Albany.

BALTIMORE, Saturday, Dec. 2.

Havana dates to the 25th ult. state that all was perfectly quiet at that time, although a good deal of excitement existed.

Reports continue current of the shooting of patriots at Bancoa.

From Key West we learn that the United States steamer *Princeton* was there on the 26th, and would proceed in search of the sloop-of-war *Albany*.

There is no wrecking news whatever. All the vessels reputing at last accounts had sailed.

The Virginia Democratic State Convention—Nominations, &c.

RICHMOND, Sunday, Dec. 3.

The Virginia Democratic State Convention, after a stormy session of three days, have nominated HENRY A. WISE for Governor, E. W. MCCOMAS for Lieutenant-Governor, and W. P. BOCOCK for Attorney General.

A motion was made to make Mr. WISE's nomination unanimous, and although many noes were heard, the Chairman declared that the nomination had been overwhelmingly carried.

Resolutions were then passed approving of FRANKLIN PIERCE's Administration, and declaring that he had faithfully adhered to the Constitution.

Destruction by Fire of the Buffalo Flour Mill, at Black Rock—Loss of the Propeller Independent.

BUFFALO, Sunday, Dec. 3.

About 1 P. M., to-day, a fire broke out in the Frontier Flour Mill, at Black Rock, which, with all its contents, was consumed. Some 15,000 bushels of grain and 2,000 barrels of flour were in the mill at the time. The propeller *Independent*, lying at her dock, took fire, burned to the water's edge, and then sunk. She was owned by the Buffalo and Brantford Railroad Company, and was worth about $18,000. The mill was property in dispute between the estate of FERDINAND SUTHAN and the Seneca County Bank. It was fully insured.

Fire at St. Stephen's, N. B.

CALAIS, Saturday, Dec. 2.

At St. Stephen's, (N. B.,) this morning, a fire broke out in a stable at the head of Watson's wharf, owned by ROBERT WATSON. Loss $4,000. Insurance $1,800.

Railroad Accident.

PHILADELPHIA, Sunday, Dec. 3.

Yesterday, MICHAEL SHIELDS, a peddler, in attempting to get on a baggage car at Paoli, on the Columbia Railroad, accidentally fell and was killed almost instantly.

Lord Elgin's Farewell at Quebec.

QUEBEC, Saturday, Dec. 2.

Last night Lord ELGIN gave a farewell ball at Spencer Wood, at which seven hundred persons were present. His Excellency's speech was deeply affecting.

Death of an Old Citizen of Troy.

TROY, Saturday, Dec. 2.

Dr. CHARLES HENEVERNET, an old citizen, and for the last twenty-five years in the drug business in this city, died this morning, after a brief illness.

The Weather.

PHILADELPHIA, Sunday, Dec. 3.

Rain has been falling here all day, but the wind changed this evening round to the Northwest, and a snow storm is just commencing.

SYRACUSE, Sunday, Dec. 3.

It has been snowing here all day, and the snow is now about six inches deep. The sleighing is excellent and the first of the season.

UTICA, Saturday, Dec. 2.

Navigation is apparently suspended on the Erie Canal on account of the ice.

On the Chenango Canal a number of boats are frozen in at various points.

BANGOR, Me., Saturday, Dec. 2.

Navigation has closed here. The Penobscot River was completely frozen over last night.

Departure of the Steamship Canadian.

PORTLAND, Saturday, Dec. 2.

The screw steamship *Canadian* sailed for Liverpool at 9 o'clock this morning, with 34 passengers and a small freight.

Arrival of the Marion at Charleston.

CHARLESTON, Saturday, Dec. 2.

The mail steamship *Marion*, Captain WM. FOSTER, arrived here at two o'clock this (Saturday) morning from New-York.

Vessels in Port at New-Orleans.

NEW-ORLEANS, Friday, Dec. 1.

The number of ships and barks in this port at the present time is 175, against 104 at the same time last year.

FROM HAVANA.

Arrival of the Black Warrior—Political and General News.

The steamer *Black Warrior*, J. D. BYTLOUR, Esq., Commander, arrived at this port yesterday at noon, having sailed on the evening of 28th November. Among her passengers is CHARLES RAMEE, Esq., United States *Chargé des Affaires* in Venezuela.

The *Black Warrior* left at Havana the United States steamer *Princeton*, HENRY EAGLE, Esq., Commander. She had been cruising along the Florida Reef in search of the United States sloop of war *Albany*, supposed to be lost, and was to sail as soon as she could finish coaling, to continue the search on the Mosquito Banks, &c.

We learn from private advices that a deputation of Spanish planters recently waited upon the Captain General with a request that he would dissolve from the service the negro soldiers enlisted by General PEZUELA. General CONCHA replied that he could not do so,—that he intended not only to enlist those whose terms were about to expire, but to increase the number of black troops very considerably. The reply created a good deal of dissatisfaction.

The following letter from our regular correspondent gives all the additional intelligence of any interest:

HAVANA, Saturday, Nov. 25, 1854.

We have been expecting the schooner seized at Bancoa, and the officers and crew of the same, for some days, but they have not yet reached Havana.

"Norma," at the Tacon Opera House, on the night of the 20th, filled all the Havana fashionable musical souls with delight. General CONCHA and family were present. The Senora FIORENTINI won new laurels to her fame wreath.

Some reports have been circulated of more landing of Africans upon the south and east part of the Island, but pursuit is made with so much vigor that the utmost secrecy is preserved, and no attempt is made to reach the consciences of the local officers with bribes, which used to be most acceptable.

We hear nothing of the doings of General MANZANO at Puerto Principe, towards the fortification of that quarter, or the suppression of public sentiment; but he has been efficient in his tracing of the Slave dealers—and has not indulged them in their vicious practices, as we find from arrests and imprisonments made.

I saw Hon. CHARLES RAMEE at the Hotel Cubano yesterday,—our Charge at Caracas—to leave soon for the United States; arrived by British steamer *Teviot* 23d.

The appearances here do not look like disturbance,—business is in its season for dullness,—strangers are gathering here to get warm and well, from the North. Rolling has begun;—the juice is heavy and concentrated by dry weather, and the planters' prospects continue good.

HAVANA, Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1854.

I hand you a report of our markets, showing all actual transactions to date, since last advices.

The United States war steamer *Princeton* arrived here from Pensacola yesterday morning, and will be detained for supplies of fuel two or three days. The Commander, Captain EAGLE, informs me that his orders direct him to cruise in search of the sloop of war *Albany*, to ascertain if possible, her fate. He will continue his cruise among the islands, and along the banks of the West Indies, to see if there is anything to be heard or found of her.

Mr. CHARLES RAMEE, Charge to Venezuela, returns to the United States in the *Black Warrior*, for New-York to-day. He was invited to dine at the palace yesterday, with Mr. OSMA, the Peruvian Minister at Washington—the acting American General also present; these things of courtesy are done by Gen. CONCHA, in a way that few other persons in his position have found the ability or disposition for.

In examination of the American schooner seized at Bancoa, the acting commercial agent there was present at the request of the Governor of the District, and a large assortment of arms was found concealed aboard. Between the flooring, the bulkheads, below the lockers, and in the run, false partitions having been constructed for the purpose of better stowage. The officers and crew have not yet reached here for trial. As it is not against the law to introduce arms or powder into Cuba, we do not perceive how conspiracy against the Government, for which they are to be tried, is to derive from violation of the revenue laws, which they have endeavored to evade. I am informed that they had joined no movement against the Government, and that they were not aware of any disturbance in that part of the Island when they entered the port of Bancoa. We have no news that you will not find detailed in your files.

THE KNOW-NOTHINGS.

Proceedings of the Grand Council of the State of New-York.

[OFFICIAL REPORT.]

OFFICE OF THE G. S., No. 193 Nassau-street, NEW-YORK, Nov. 17, 1854.

BROTHER: In accordance with the instructions of the Grand Council, we transmit to you a copy of its proceedings at its late session, Nov. 14, 15 and 16, 1854.

By MORSE, of Council 28:

Resolved, That no delegate be admitted from any Council to this State Grand Council, who has repudiated the nominees of this Grand Council, and that each delegate who will not sustain the State ticket, be expelled.

Motion to reconsider lost.

Immediately after the passage of the above resolution it was decided that each brother should announce his name and number of Council, and state for whom he voted at the late election. Brother RIDDER of Council No. 204, Brother AMYESON of 243, and Brother JENKINS of 242, refusing to answer, were requested to retire until their cases should be investigated.

Resolved, That any delegate who shall refuse to answer the questions proposed to him by the delegates now present, or who voted or used his influence for any other than the American ticket, headed DANIEL ULLMANN, be expelled.

Resolved, That this body do appoint a State Executive Committee to consist of thirty-two members, four being chosen from each judicial district, to be called the State Central Committee.

The following are the Committee:

First District—Joseph S. Taylor, Nineteenth Ward, New-York; C. Shultz, Seventeenth Ward; William Stokely, First Ward; Joseph Sonder, Sixth Ward.

Second District—Samuel E. Townsend, Greenport, Suffolk Co.; Luther Colwell, Fishkill, Rockland Co.; Wm. Taylor, Harlemworth, Westchester Co.; Wm. B. Cozzens, West Point, Orange Co.

Third District—H. G. Leaning, Albany; H. M. Weatherbee, Chatham, Four-Corners; J. T. Hendricks, Rensselaer; S. W. Brinton, Troy.

Fourth District—Stephen Simmons, Fonda, Montgomery Co.; Martin Myers, Schenectady; Wm. A. Russell, Salem, Washington Co.; E. E. Hurlbut, Stillwater, Saratoga Co.

Fifth District—Randolph Barnes, Watertown, Jefferson Co.; J. Gutsander, Little Falls, Herkimer Co.; J. D. Miller, Oswego, Oswego Co.; Wm. S. Palmer, Syracuse.

Sixth District—W. B. Huntington, Ithaca, Tompkins Co.; James Wright, Owego, Tioga Co.; T. C. Grennis, Green, Chenango Co.; John Paine, Hobart, Delaware Co.

Seventh District—Samuel J. Crook, Nunda, Livingston Co.; H. F. Hatch, Rochester; J. R. Stearns, (Institute) Sq. J. R. Stearns, M.C.M.) Auburn, Cayuga Co.; S. W. R. Mallory, Canandaigua, Ontario Co.

Eighth District—Brewster B. Rodney, Buffalo; Philip S. Castle, Fredonia; A. Ward, Albion; A. Stearns, Batavia.

Resolved, That this Grand Council recommend that each Assembly District in this State send to Albany one person, to use his influence to secure the election of a member of this organization as a United States Senator, and that said person go to Albany as early as the 1st of February next; that such person be chosen by the several Councils of this Order, one from each Assembly District; and for the purpose of more effectually accomplishing this object, this Grand Council use their influence to prevent Whig and Democratic caucuses previous to election.

Resolved, That hereafter no Delegate be admitted to the Grand Council whose Council is in arrears to the Grand Council.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to devise the best means of dealing with offending Councils.

The following is the report of the Committee so adopted:

THE Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the standing, &c., of certain Councils, disputes of expulsions and dismissions, as also individual members of such Councils who have not acted in compliance with the action of the Grand Council as to the nomination made on the recent session of said Grand Body, (held Oct. 5, 1854,) to be supported by this Order at the then approaching election, and who did not support the ticket thus nominated by their vote or otherwise,—and to devise ways and means for the immediate disposal of the case of such Councils, dispution and members, beg leave respectfully to report the following:

Resolved, That the present representatives to this Grand Council be, and they are hereby, instructed to inquire into the standing of the Deputies in their respective and adjoining counties and districts, as to whether they yielded obedience to the requirements of this Grand Council in the recent nominations of this Grand Body, for State officers, by supporting such nominations by their vote and influence, and if such deputy or deputies did not yield said nominations their cordial and hearty support, said representatives immediately report said brother to the Grand President, together with the name of a brother in the district or county to which said representatives may be attached respectively, who did so yield his support and influence, and that cordially, to said State ticket, as a suitable person to be appointed such District Deputy, to supersede the present unworthy incumbent, and that said brother so reported be immediately removed from his office as such District Deputy by the Grand President, and superseded in his office by the appointment of such recommended brother, or some other suitable brother, by the Grand Council.

Resolved, That, thereupon it shall be the duty of such District Officer, with the aid of the Delegates aforesaid, to report the standing of each and every Subordinate Council within the jurisdiction of such District Officer respectively, to the Grand Council, and in all cases where the majority of the members of such Subordinate Council shall have disregarded and not supported by their vote and influence the nomination heretofore made by this State Grand Council as aforesaid, or the Subordinate Councils, through the majority of the Delegates to any Convention held for the nomination of candidates to be by said Councils respectively supported in the recent election, they shall be immediately disbanded by the Grand President, and excluded all participation in, or connection with, the Grand Council, and the work, warrant, and funds demanded by the Grand President, to be delivered to the reporting Council hereinafter named, and such District Officers and Delegates aforesaid shall also report to the Grand President the number of brothers attached to such Council so disbanded, respectively, as did fully support such nominations as aforesaid, and are in all respects worthy brothers, who shall, upon being so reported, be immediately instituted and fully empowered to receive said charter, and work as a Superseding Council.

Resolved, That the respective Councils under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, by their proper officers, are hereby instructed and required to withhold the Term Pass from, and forthwith expel from the Council, all brothers who did not, as aforesaid, fully support the nominations in the last preceding resolution referred to, and who refuse to answer as hereafter required, or who shall not offer an excuse satisfactory to the Council for such non-support, and that for that purpose said officers are fully empowered to demand and require of each member of his or their Council, that he or they do declare with uplifted hand, in open Council, for whom he or they voted at the recent November election, and excuse, if any they have to offer, for such non-support as aforesaid.

Resolved, That the Grand President is hereby instructed and required to withhold the Term Pass from all Councils and members, except present aforesaid Representatives to this Grand Council, until such time as said Council and members respectively shall be fully reported as hereinabove provided for.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure the printing of the foregoing Report and Resolutions, in circular form, and immediately forward copies thereof to an approved Representative in this Grand Council, in each subordinate Council, to be by him distributed to approved members thereof.

SAMUEL J. CROOKS,
THOS. M. WOODRUFF,
HIRAM F. HATCH,
SAMUEL S. GUY, } Committee.

NEW-YORK, Nov. 16, 1854.

By W. H. RICHARDS, of Council 23—Resolved, That all Councils who do not accept and adopt the foregoing resolutions, that the charters be taken from them and new ones given to those supporting Councils mentioned.

By GRANDNEY, of Council 33—Resolved, That the third Article of the Constitution be altered, so as to conform to the Constitution of the Grand Council of the United States of America.

JAMES W. BARKER, Grand President.
JOSEPH E. EBLING, Grand Vice President.
JOSEPH S. TAYLOR, Grand Treasurer.
H. FARRINGTON, Grand Secretary.

JEALOUSY AND ATTEMPTED MURDER.

A Man Shot while Asleep—Flight and Capture of the Perpetrator.

Yesterday morning, between 8 and 9 o'clock, a bold attempt to commit murder was made in the Eighteenth Ward by the proprietor of a grocery store. The parties are FREDERICK MYERS and CHARLES WILLIAMS, who kept a grocery and liquor store on the corner of East Seventeenth-street and Third-avenue, under the firm of MYERS & Co. There appears to have been a jealousy existing between them, respecting the manner in which the business should be conducted, and the latter member of the firm feeling quite dissatisfied, he so expressed himself to his partner, in unmistakable language. A few days ago a slight fire occurred in this store, under rather mysterious circumstances, and Mr. WILLIAMS subsequently ascertained that $80 was missing from the desk, where the receipts were deposited. This excited the suspicion of WILLIAMS that something was wrong in the premises, and he at once decided to dissolve the partnership. In order to effect this object he consulted with MYERS last week, and remarked to him that "he (MYERS) must either have the store, or he (WILLIAMS) must, and he would buy or sell, just as it suited MYERS." Mr. MYERS replied by saying "that he should give him an answer on the Sunday following."

He gave the answer on the day designated, but in quite a different way than was expected by Mr. WILLIAMS. The two men slept in the same room in the rear of the store, and retired to rest on Saturday night apparently in good friendship. About 6 o'clock A. M., MYERS awoke very quietly, approached his partner, who was in a sound sleep, then procured a loaded double-barrelled pistol from under the pillow of WILLIAMS, the muzzle of which he placed close to the cheek of his intended victim and discharged the contents of the right barrel. The ball struck the heavy back tooth of WILLIAMS, shattering them to pieces, and then glanced off in an outward direction, thus saving his life. MYERS was much alarmed, and believing he had accomplished his purpose, he threw the weapon into the cellar and speedily made his exit. The report of the shot was heard by the neighbors, many of whom hastened to the apartment and found WILLIAMS lying in a helpless condition, with his face and neck covered with blood. Information of the occurrence was at once dispatched to Capt. GEORGE W. WALLING, of the Eighteenth Ward Police. The Captain quickly had the sufferer conveyed to the Broadway Hospital, where his frightful wounds were dressed by a skillful surgeon. The assailant having fled, Capt. WALLING immediately started a posse of his men in pursuit. The upper portion of the City, on the east side, was thoroughly scoured by the officers, who searched numerous dwellings and drinking houses, but without success. It was then ascertained that MYERS had crossed the East River to Williamsburg, by the Houston-street Ferry, and several policemen hastened thither, but were unable to obtain any clue to his whereabouts. During the afternoon Police Officers WALLACE and ARNOW, of the Eighteenth District, succeeded in tracing him to a low groggery in Water-street, near the Jackson Ferry, East River. They entered the place, and upon making inquiry for MYERS, the keeper of the wretched den denied any knowledge of him. This did not deter the officers, nor change their minds in the least; and upon searching the interior of the premises they found MYERS snugly secreted in a little closet. He was conducted to the Second District Police Court last evening, and committed by Judge CLARKE to await the result of the wounds inflicted on the person of WILLIAMS. Great credit is due to Captain WALLING and his officers for their prompt action in arresting the prisoner.

Error Corrected.

We publish the following note in correction of an error in the TIMES, with pleasure, and cheerfully commend the valuable charity concerned to the attention and favor of the public:

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

In the account given by your Reporter of the Anniversary of the Association for the Relief of Respectable Aged Indigent Females, celebrated yesterday, the 28th inst., at the Asylum, he made an important error in the Treasurer's Report. He stated the balance of money on hand to be $9,617 56, when, unfortunately, it is only $2,060 91—and represented the expenditures very much less than it really is.

As the necessary outlay for the support of so many beneficiaries amounts to a large sum, and the charity is one which appeals to every heart, we cannot affect to lose the patronage of the community in any degree, will you, therefore, have the kindness and courtesy to correct the Reporter's statement, according to the printed Annual Report, which I now take the liberty to send to you? Yours, respectfully,

E. C. ANDERSON, Treasurer.

NEW-YORK, Wednesday, Nov. 29, 1854.

Efforts for the Pardon of Dr. Beale.

We learn that a petition for the pardon of Dr. BEALE, of Philadelphia, is being extensively circulated and signed in this City. It is very generally signed.

The Official Canvass of the Whole State—Clark's Majority 319!

From the Albany Journal, Dec. 2.

We have a telegraphic dispatch from the messenger sent by the Secretary of State to procure the Official Canvass of the city of New-York. He states the vote between CLARK and SEYMOUR, as follows:

Horatio Seymour	36,759
Myron H. Clark	52,326
Seymour's majority	14,547

Taking the figures from the returns from the other Counties which are deposited in the Secretary's office, and we make MYRON H. CLARK's majority stand Hundred and nineteen.

There are defective ballots returned to the Secretary's office as follows:

Apparently designed for Seymour	207
Apparently designed for Clark	131
In favor of Seymour	165

In addition there are defective votes reported in New-York:

For Seymour	6
For Clark	3

So that if all these defective ballots should be counted—which cannot be—CLARK would still have a majority over SEYMOUR of 150.

We are therefore at length able to announce, from the official returns, that MYRON H. CLARK is the Governor elect! So that the Banner of Freedom still waves in Triumph over the Empire State. But for the late hour at which these figures were received, we would have permitted our old Knight to herald this glorious victory. We shall give him wing on Monday.

Accident on the Grand Trunk Railroad—Several Persons Badly Injured.

From the State of Maine, Dec. 2.

As the Island Pond Train for Portland on the Grand Trunk Railroad, was near Thompson's Mills, in the town of Stark, yesterday morning, the snow plow got off the track, which brought the train to a stand still. While in this situation a freight train approached, coming in the same direction, running into the passenger cars, smashing them up and injuring some eight or ten persons very severely, but causing no death so far as we can learn. In the confusion two of the passenger cars took fire and were entirely consumed.

We learn from a Mr. HUSBARD, of Vassalboro, Me., who was a passenger in the train at the time of the disaster, and who was somewhat bruised, that the cars had hardly stopped before the freight train was upon them. There was one passenger car and a box car in the rear. The box car was forced through and upon the passenger car, crushing it about half its entire length. The box car immediately took fire, and both that and the passenger car were consumed. There were about fifty passengers on board, all of whom, with the exception of some half-dozen, were more or less injured. Some leaped out of the windows, and some crawled out of the wreck; and those able to work dragged out the helpless. One woman was thrown upon the stove in the car, and was badly burned, so that she is hardly expected to recover. But one was killed that one entirely, and had with her a child, which was somewhat bruised, but not seriously.

The following is the list of those most seriously wounded, so far as we can learn: Mr. MCCRILLIS, of Bangor, had his leg broken; he was left at Gorham, N. H. Mr. EMERY, of Upper Stillwater, leg burned and severely bruised. Mr. ABBOTT, of Westbrook, was scalded; Mr. YOUNG, of Gorham, burnt. A lady, name unknown, was left at West Milan. Two ladies, unknown, were considerably bruised.

Among the injured are WM. BURNS, of the firm of BURNS & PLUMMER, Attorneys, Lancaster, fractured leg; WM. H. MCCRILLIS, Esq., of Bangor, slight dislocation; Rev. Mr. BAXTER, of Wilton, Me., collar-bone broken—very comfortable. Drs. ROBINSON and PLUMMER, of Portland, are in attendance in addition to several physicians from the neighboring towns. All those remaining at Stark can be removed to-morrow, with the exception of Mrs. TAYLOR, who is very badly bruised, and is in a critical state. Mrs. T. had been visiting at Lancaster. A Mrs. JOHNSON, of Northumberland, had her knee badly crushed, and Mr. JOHNSON had his arm injured.

It is said that Mr. GOULD, the conductor of the passenger train, confirmed the freight train conductor, as he passed him a short time before, to run slow and avoid coming on the passenger train. This was not more than 20 minutes before the accident occurred. Mr. GOULD jumped off with a flag before the train stopped, and had not got further than the end of the train before he saw the freight train coming a few rods off.

A locomotive was immediately dispatched for Dr. HEWS, of Shelburne, and there was one Doctor from Northumberland, and two from Gorham, N. H., some in attendance. Drs. ROBINSON and PLUMMER went out from Portland. Five or six of the wounded ones were brought to Portland in the regular train which arrived near 4 o'clock, some two hours behind time.

The Missing Women at Rochester.

From the Rochester Advertiser, Dec. 1.

Since our last issue there have been two meetings at the Court-House, for the purpose of hearing the report of the parties who went in search of the missing women, Miss EMMA MORTON. On the first day, some four hundred persons turned out and searched the country from Hudson-street to the lake—leaving unexplored a strong of considerable extent for another occasion. The search was very thorough—the parties proceeding in a line, the men not more than twenty feet distant from each other. Nothing was discovered going in the least to afford a clue to the fate of the missing party. The meeting adjourned to the same place on Thursday evening.

On the following day wagons were provided, and a large party started to complete the survey of the twenty mentioned, provided with the necessary irons to examine the pools and water courses, and each other portions of the country where the party as time would permit. The result of this second effort was as unfruitful as the first—nothing having been brought to light, affording the least trace to the object sought.

We are informed, and believe the statement, that a family residing near the Lake, and who frequently pass over the road where [illegible] in a state of intoxication, [illegible] and [illegible] after, as they wend their way homeward, were that portion from which these parties had [illegible] the night in question, and that the women were there, as it is but one of like description play with the other.

The last meeting adjourned without any further matter of calling another having been left to the Committee of Investigation.

ONE WEEK

LATER FROM CALIFORNIA.

ARRIVAL OF THE ATLAS ON THE WEST.

Mental Depot.

OFFICIAL ELECTION RETURNS.

THE FLEET IN THE PACIFIC.

Mining, Miscellaneous and Criminal News.

LATER FROM THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

TAHITI NEWS.

The Small-Pox Still Prevalent.

The *Star of the West*, from San Juan, arrived at this Port on Saturday at 3 o'clock P. M., a few minutes too late to get her mails into our regular Evening Edition. To Percy Lord and Messrs. Adams & Co.'s Express Agents, we are indebted for early papers.

The *Star of the West* arrived off Punta Arenas on the morning of the 23d ult., and left same evening at 10 o'clock with 400 passengers and $750,000 in specie on freight to C. Morgan.

Steamer Cortez, connecting, arrived at San Juan del Sud on Monday evening, the 20th ult., having left San Francisco on the 6th. Also steamship Georgia, Capt. Wakeman, from New-York, called there same day for coals, en route to San Francisco. Pass all well.

The Accessory Transit Company have added another new steamer of 400 tons burden for the Lake called the San Carlos, which arrived on the morning of the 26th ult., in the charge of Capt. Thomas Minor, at Punta Arenas, making the passage in the very short space of ten days, in perfect trim, and has already proceeded up the river to take her post on Lake Nicaragua.

The *Star of the West* sailed at Key West for coals, left on the morning of the 27th and arrived on Saturday at 10 o'clock P. M.—*eight days and sixteen hours from Punta Arenas.*

List of Specie per Steamship Star of the West.

Adams, Short & Co. [illegible] Northern, S. Spain	
Wells, Fargo & Co. [illegible] Philadelphia	$17,000
Wright & Co. [illegible] Drexel & Co.	35,000
Dodge, Robinson & Co. [illegible] Cutler	20,000
Total	$737,000

CALIFORNIA.

Operations of the Mint.

The deposits for Oct. were, for Coin ... 25,000 oz.
For Bars ... 28,000 oz.
Total ... 53,000 oz.
with fractions, making it about 54,000 ounces.
The coinage in Coins was $620,000.

The Seal Fishery in the Pacific.

By the arrival of the schooner *E. L. Frost*, a few days since, information of the voyages of two vessels in our harbor, the object of which had been previously shrouded in mystery, was received. This vessel, under the command of Capt. Hamilton, in company with the brig *Zoe*, Capt. Rogers, and bark *N. S. Perkins*, Capt. Allen, of New-London, had been on a sealing voyage to Robbin Island, near Cape Patience, in the Okhotsk Sea, situated in latitude 49° 22' 18", and longitude 144° 22'. It is only about thirty-five miles in circumference. From this island the schooner took seven thousand fur seal skins, and sixty barrels seal oil, which according to questions, near $20,000; the brig obtained ten thousand skins, and a proportionate quantity of oil, worth about $40,000; and the bark, thirteen thousand skins and six hundred barrels oil, (a part of the latter probably whale oil,) worth $60,000. This was a very successful voyage, particularly considering the trifling amount of capital invested. The bark was less than six months from the time she left Guam, obtained her voyage and arrived at the Sandwich Islands. The rookery on the island it is likely will require some time to increase its stock, but there are other places in the Northern Ocean where they could be found. On the voyage the *E. L. Frost* carried away her mast, obliging her to put into Matsmai, (or Massumay) the capital of the island of Jesso, for repairs. On entering the harbor the vessel was immediately boarded by a number of richly dressed Japanese officers, each armed with two swords elegantly mounted with silver and gold, who on learning her distress sent carpenters on board, and otherwise furnished every facility to get to sea again. Capt. Hamilton speaks highly of the kindness shown him, but says they expressed great anxiety for his speedy departure from their port.—*San Francisco Herald.*

Dinner to the Press Club.

Some fifty persons, all connected professionally with the Press of this State, on Saturday evening assembled at the Railroad House, and sat down to a dinner tendered to the San Francisco Press Club, by Messrs. Halsey & Thompson. The third toast was as follows:

The memories of Walter Colton, Robert Semple and Edward Gilbert, the Pioneers of the Newspaper Press in California.—The infant which they fostered eight years ago, has grown up to be a giant mighty in its power and eminent for the prosperity of our State.

This was drunk standing and in silence.

Another was as follows:

The Western Defiant Newspapers of San Francisco—Unanswerable evidence of the greatness of our city. Peace to their ashes.

Country Trade.

The country trade has continued active, and prices of many leading articles have still an upward tendency. One of the lines charged to Sacramento $5, and the other $3 per ton. A large amount of freight previously purchased went forward at these prices, and much remained over, but owing to the scarcity, new transactions were manifestly lighter. Still there was a good supply for merchandise coming to hand, and the bulk of the cargoes of the *Lizzie Yankee* and *Grace Darling* was taken soon after arrival.

Want to be Annexed.

Recent accounts from Carson Valley represent the residents of that locality, numbering about eight hundred at this time, to be very anxious to be brought under the jurisdiction of California. In their present condition they have no regularly constituted authorities. Carson Valley is in Utah Territory, but too remote from Salt Lake to have any advantage from the Seat of Government at Salt Lake. Including Carson Valley with this State, the citizens would be but three days' travel from the Capital. At a late convention the residents of the Valley appointed a delegate to present to the Legislature of this State a memorial, praying for annexation, to be transmitted to Congress, provided the measure is approved.

Election for City Comptroller—Triumph of Know-Nothings.

An election was held in San Francisco for a City Comptroller, to supply the place of John G. Meiggs, who failed to qualify within the time prescribed by law. The polls opened at the usual hour. There was but few voters present at the polls throughout the day, and with one exception an uninterrupted quiet prevailed. In the eighth ward a difficulty occurred, in which a man named E. N. Bey was severely stabbed. It is stated that a man named James Cavenagh asked Bey whether he was a Know-Nothing. Bey replied that he was, and that he had voted the Know-Nothing ticket, whereupon Cavenagh drew a bowie-knife and stabbed him in the head, inflicting a severe wound. Bey escaped from Cavenagh, when another man named Wesley Garney drew a bowie-knife and also stabbed him in the head. Bey succeeded in escaping from both of them into a neighboring house, where his wounds were dressed. With this exception, there was no disturbance in any of the wards. A number of spurious Know-Nothing tickets were in circulation in different quarters, but a strict vigilance was exercised by the order throughout the entire day, so that none of those tickets were voted. The Know-Nothing party, it will be seen by the table of the result, is very large, their candidate, William Berryman, having been elected by an overwhelming majority. This additional triumph sufficiently establishes the strength of the Know-Nothings in San Francisco. The following is the vote:

Berryman, Know-Nothing	[illegible]
Hall, Democrat	[illegible]
Know-Nothing majority	1044

[illegible] Sunk Between Dr. J. Woodruff and Captain Hawes.

[illegible] *Alta California*, Nov. 9.

[illegible] does it fall to our lot to chronicle [illegible] of those unhappy events, too frequent in this State, which has cast a dark shadow over our breath as long and left one heart desolate.

The principals in this affair were Captain Hawes, of the Steamship Sonora, and Dr. J. Woodruff, well known in this city as the owner of the "Blue Wing," Russian Gulch, Sonoma county, with which place he is now supposed to be identified at the present time. The occasion that gave rise to the affair, we have not been rightly informed. The Colonel [illegible] to Hawes that he was a d——d Know-Nothing, upon which Hawes struck him on the mouth with his hand. Friends interfered and arrested further proceedings at that time. It is said that on Monday Mr. Hawes sought out Col. Woodruff and offered an apology, which was refused. The offer was again renewed, Hawes stating that he would make the apology in writing, if it would be more acceptable. The Colonel in the mean time had sent a challenge, and he expressed his determination to have it settled in the usual manner. Friends were accordingly chosen, and it was concluded to cross the bay and adjust the difficulty by resorts to firearms.

Yesterday morning, the parties left in the Oakland ferry boat, at 7 o'clock in the morning. Several persons in the city having been informed of what was going on, crossed over in the ferry-boat. On arriving at Oakland the parties proceeded a short distance outside of the city limits. The friends of Mr. Hawes were Messrs. Walk Bellamy and Robert Wood. Col. Woodruff's friends were Capt. Sherrette and Major McDonald. The arms chosen for the occasion were Mississippi jaggers. The ground was being marked off when Deputy Sheriff Burney, who had got wind of the affair, made his appearance and ordered them to desist. The parties then got into their carriages and left, with the determination to cross into another county. After continuing the journey for some time, until they were about ten miles from Oakland, and in the county of Alvarado, they dismounted and ascended a hill near by, followed by a crowd, which by this time had increased to about one hundred and fifty persons. On the ridge of the hill they halted—the ground was marked off, forty paces—the principals took their places, and on the word "fire" being given, both wheeled and fired, the ball from Mr. Hawes's rifle passing completely through the heart of Col. Woodruff and out at his back, killing him instantly. It is said that the unfortunate man did not live ten seconds after receiving the wound. This disastrous affair took place about 1 o'clock. The body of the Colonel was brought over to the city in the ferry-boat last evening, and taken to the Tehama House. The scene, when the wife of the dead man looked upon all that remained of the former partner of her joys and sorrows, whose silver thread of life was so abruptly cut, and who, but a few short hours before, had gone forth in the strength and prime of manhood, is said by those who were present last evening to have been affecting in the extreme.

It is said that Col. Woodruff made his will on Tuesday evening, leaving all he possessed to his widow. Mrs. Woodruff accompanied her husband on the occasion, and stopped at San Antonio while the party went out. She returned with the body to the Tehama House.

Deverreux J. Woodruff was born in Greenville county, Virginia, and moved to Texas more than twenty years ago. He was elected a Colonel in the Texan army, and was in active service during the revolution there. Subsequently he was was one of the Texan Rangers. During the Mexican War he accompanied the American forces as an amateur warrior, and was distinguished for the independent method in which he took his positions during the battles, and the accuracy of his marksmanship. He had been engaged in a number of duels, had been wounded a number of times in battle, and carries to his grave three bullets in his body. He came to California in 1849, and was collector of the foreign miners' tax in Calaveras County. Col. Woodruff leaves a brother, a wealthy merchant in New-Orleans. With the brother resides a daughter of the deceased, 12 or 13 years of age.

Official Returns.

The official returns for State officers have been opened and counted in the office of the Secretary of State. The vote for Denver is 37,637, and for Harmony 37,469. They were the regular Democratic nominees. Bowie received 25,360, and Benham 25,035. They were the regular Whig candidates. The votes for bogus Democratic candidates were as follows: Churchman, 10,838; McDougall, 10,601. The combined Democratic majority on the Congressional vote is 12,345, the largest majority against the Whigs ever given. Two years ago it was a little over 6,000. Beard, the Whig candidate, is elected by a plurality of 268 votes over Lemme, the regular Democratic nominee. Woodruff, the bogus Democratic candidate, having received 11,721 votes.

The Allied Fleet and other Squadrons in the Pacific.

Since the repulse of the Allied fleet at Petropolouski, the movements of the respective vessels have become a matter of interest. The greater portion of the combined squadron now lie at anchor in our harbor. They comprise H. B. M. frigates *President* and *Pique*, sloop-of-war *Amphitrite*, and steamer *Virago*, and the French frigates *Forte* and *Eurydice*. They are accompanied by their prize, the Russian ship *Sitka*. H. B. M. Discovery ship *Plover* is also in port. The French brig-of-war *Obligado*, which constituted a portion of the squadron in its attack upon Petropolouski, sailed from this port on Saturday last, for Guaymas, to make inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Count de Raousset Boulbon. The brig *Henry William*, which arrived on Monday night from Sydney, reported a heavy cannonade outside the Heads, resembling a sea-fight, and last night there was a flying report through the city, said to have been brought by a pilot boat, to the effect that the *Obligado* had encountered a Russian frigate. The report, however, needs confirmation. In addition to the vessels above enumerated, H. B. M. sloop-of-war *Trincomalee* and the French corvette *L'Artemise*, from the Sandwich Islands, arrived within a few days. The whereabouts of the Russian frigate *Diana* is not known, although it is presumed she is cruising somewhere in our waters, perhaps at no great distance from some of her antagonists. The Russian frigate *Aurora* and sloop-of-war *Dvina*, were left by the Allies at Petropolouski, but where they may now be is a matter of speculation. The U. S. steam frigate *Susquehanna* was reported at the Sandwich Islands, and is hourly expected in our harbor, she having put into Honolulu merely for a supply of coal. The steam frigate *Mississippi* was to have left Hong Kong three days after the *Susquehanna*, and may also be hourly expected. The U. S. sloops-of-war *St. Marys* and *Portsmouth* were at Honolulu on the 20th of October, and will probably pay us a visit in the course of the Winter. The English and French squadrons, it is understood, will Winter at Monterey.

Pacific Railway Survey.

Among the passengers by the *Sonora*, on the 1st inst., were Lieut. John G. Parke, United States Topographical Engineers, and party, consisting of Albert H. Campbell, Civil Engineer; Dr. Antisell, Botanist; and H. Custar, G. G. Gardner and N. H. Hutton, Assistants. Mr. Campbell and the two latter gentlemen were of Lieut. Whipple's party, which came through on the Albuquerque route last Spring. Lieut. Parke will organize his expedition at Benicia, with all possible dispatch, and proceed to explore the Salinas River, from the Bay of Monterey to its sources, with a view of finding a practicable passage through the Coast Range into the Mohave Basin, or into the Valley of Los Angeles. Further examinations will also be made of the Mohave River, in the vicinity of the Colorado, on Lieut. Whipple's route. Returning thence, this party will start from San Diego, and go across to El Paso, on the Rio Grande, by the route south of the Gila. This is the first corps that has taken the field under the recent act of appropriation by Congress for the Pacific Railway.

Children in Marysville.

The number of children in Marysville, the *Express* learns from Mr. Pickersgill who has taken the census, to be as follows: Boys over four years of age, 154; girls ditto, 144; children under four years of age, 120. Total, 420.

Children in Los Angeles.

The City Marshal of Los Angeles, having taken the census of the children in that city, reports 206 boys and 211 girls. Total, 417.

Corn Crop at the Mouth.

The *Southern Californian* states that corn has been raised without rain or irrigation, this season at the Mouth, turning out 125 bushels to the acre, in some cases even 150 bushels to the acre. Many of the stalks are 10 feet high, 10 feet to the first ear, and showing six monster ears on the stalk, beside several nubbins.

Chinese Brothels.

All the Chinese Brothels in Sonora were evacuated on the 2d instant. The ordinance compelling the inmates to leave the city went into effect on that day. The *Union Democrat* says that the streets were thronged with the full [illegible] their former halls of revelry were deserted, and quiet and [illegible]

Gen. Isaac Williams, of the Rancho de Chino, Los Angeles county, has purchased in the Atlantic States, Gen. Wm. Wadsworth, the earliest Californian pioneer, having resided about a quarter of a century in the country. He has lived on the Rancho owned by him, thirty miles east of Los Angeles, for the past fourteen years, and is well known to very many emigrants who have come in by that route and enjoyed his hospitalities.

The State House.

The State House at Sacramento is progressing very rapidly towards completion. The second story and interior brick walls are finished. The workmen are now employed on the roof, and the whole of the outside of the structure will be completed in the ensuing week. The chamber intended for the Assembly is to be the largest and handsomest room in the State.

Lady Lecturer.

Miss Sarah Pelley delivered a lecture at the City Hall, Stockton, on the 28th inst., and also entertained a full house in the evening, on the subject of Temperance. The *Republican* says "her efforts are spoken of by some in a spirit of generosity more than of praise.

Rewards.

We understand that a newspaper, to be printed in the Chinese language, will soon be published in this city, under the editorial management of Rev. Mr. Speer.

A sweet potato, weighing eleven pounds and a half, was grown this year on Mead's Ranch, two miles below Sacramento.

On Tuesday evening last the Manhattan Engine, No. 2, threw fifty-two feet through the open butt, and one hundred and fifty-five feet through 1½ inch nozzle.

The Tuolumne and Merced rivers are swarming with salmon. Many persons are driving a profitable business on those rivers, catching and preserving these fine fish.

It is stated that one of our Fire Companies is contemplating a visit to the Atlantic States. The expense to each man is estimated at $300.

The attempt made by Messrs. Adams & Co., in connection with Messrs. Doyle & Keating, to open an Overland Express from Acapulco to Vera Cruz, has been temporarily frustrated by the refusal of Alvarez and his party in Acapulco, to grant passports to the agents from that city, through the country under the control of the Revolutionists.

The steamboats plying between San Francisco and Sacramento are now running, full of passengers and carrying unprecedented amounts of freight. Passengers are carried at rates ranging between twenty-five cents and $1, and freight is carried at $1 per ton.

Crimes and their Consequences.

PARTICULARS OF THE EXECUTION OF LOGAN AND LIPSEY.

The execution of James Logan for the murder of Fennel, at Coon Hollow, and William Lipsey, for the murder of Powerson, at Cold Springs, took place at Coloma, on Friday, 3d inst. They were the first criminals ever executed by the officers of the law in El Dorado County; and the assemblage of people was larger than was ever before known in the county, or probably ever will be again.

Long before the hour of execution arrived, the streets of Coloma were thronged with a dense mass of human beings, while thousands were congregated on the hills around.

At 12 o'clock, M., the Sheriff proceeded to take the prisoners from the jail to the scaffold, which had been erected on the hill-side. Logan walked out of the jail with as much apparent indifference as a man could well manifest under such circumstances; and although his head was "silvered o'er with age,"—notwithstanding the fate that awaited him—he stepped into the wagon that contained his coffin, with the buoyancy of youth and vigor of manhood, scorning the assistance that was proffered him. With Lipsey it was entirely different. For a week he had taken scarcely any food; he was debilitated in body and broken in spirit. He was assisted into the wagon, and remained as one dead or chained to his seat until he reached the place of execution. Logan ascended the scaffold with a firm step, bible in hand, and for all the world with the air of a preacher of the gospel, about to address a sinful people whom he was anxious to exhort to repentance. Lipsey was almost carried up—his eyes were fixed, and presenting a vacant death-like stare.

Sheriff Burr, in a loud, clear voice, read the death-warrant to William Lipsey. He was informed by the Sheriff that if he had anything to say, an opportunity would now be afforded him. In reply, when directly asked if he desired to speak, he merely shook his head by way of a negative response. The warrant was then read to Jas. Logan, who, the while, was apparently calling on his Maker, for strength to support himself in his hour of trial, though not in audible voice. The Bible was still in his hand, and opened where there was a plate representing the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The night previous, in the jail, he had opened the Bible at the same place, and pointed out the place to one of the Deputy Sheriffs, remarking: "There! mine is a similar case. I have been persecuted even unto death, and am going to die to-morrow the victim of false testimony." When the Sheriff asked him if he had anything to say, he laid down the Bible and turned to address the vast sea of human heads that surrounded the scaffold. Having listened attentively, and taken notes at the time, we are enabled to present to our reader the substance of his remarks, as follows:

He felt that he was growing feeble, and would not be able to address at any great length those who had come to witness the execution. He stood before them a condemned man, the victim of false testimony. It was true that he had taken the life of a fellow creature, but he had committed the deed in self-defence. He went to the claim where the tragedy took place, not as had been said, to kill Fennel, but because the claim was his own, and he went to get possession of it. His own rash threats had brought him to the scaffold. In answer to propositions to settle the difficulty either by law or arbitration, he had rashly replied that there was a shorter and better way—but he did not mean it. He went to the claim to get possession of it, but did not snap or present his pistol—he merely showed it. It was merely a single barreled pistol. Fennel went and got a revolver, and came back and presented it at him, cocked. Fennel was advancing upon him with a cocked revolver, when he presented his single barreled pistol. Any other testimony than this was false. He only snapped his pistol a moment before Fennel did his. The man who swore that he snapped his first, swore a lie. They both snapped together. He had warned Fennel not to advance. He got behind Swift, and if he (Swift) had stood his ground, nobody would have been killed. But Swift flinched, and stepped aside. He then had to be killed himself, kill Fennel, or run away. He fired, and Fennel fell. He repeated that it was false that he snapped his pistol first; it was that snap that had brought him to the gallows, and the testimony about it was false.

In view of the halter, (to which he pointed his finger,) and in presence of that God before whom he was so shortly to appear, he was now speaking the truth. He would never have been hung if he had not had a principle of courage in his composition that prevented him from running away. He had said that he was not afraid of a pistol, and that he would not run from one. He would not run. He exclaimed, would to God that he had run away! He did not go to the claim to kill Fennel. He was not a murderer. He had sinned against God's laws in not running away from Fennel, but not against the laws of his country. Belhines had sworn false when he testified that he (Logan) had went to the claim to kill Fennel. I have lived forty-seven years, fellow-citizens—so, I am not a fellow-citizen—forty-seven years without committing murder; and if I did kill a man who otherwise would have killed me, I die innocent of murder. The Court, Jury and District Attorney had treated him as a murderer for defending his own life. Everything had been against him—nothing in his favor. He had been persecuted. He upreaided one of the witnesses who had sworn against him, but at the same time acknowledged the truth of what he had sworn. Gentlemen, you are all on the broad road to Hell. I was once, but now I am going to Heaven as sure as you are on the way to Hell.

The prisoner had spoken at considerable length, though he had stated that he would not be able to do so. He went on repeating in an unconnected manner, what he had said before—stating some things in a manner quite inconsistent with the foregoing portion of his speech. Sheriff Burr informed him that the hour appointed for the execution was at hand. Logan stopped speaking, and turning to Rev. Mr. Taylor, remarked, "We had better spend the remainder of the time in prayer."

The prisoners were then placed on the drop, the ropes put around their necks, the hang [illegible] put on, and the caps drawn over their faces. Rev. Mr. Taylor offered a prayer, during which Logan and Lipsey were seen to shake hands with each other. Taylor concluded his prayer by exclaiming, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" Logan, with a firm voice, responded, "Amen!" Lipsey, in a low tone, said, "Amen!" Logan then turned to his companion, and shaking hands with him, said, "Good bye, Lipsey, we will be in Heaven in a few minutes." Lipsey responded, "Good bye, Logan, we will be in Heaven." Taylor then descended from the scaffold, when Logan and Lipsey shook hands again, notwithstanding they had previously shaken hands. The platform on which they stood, consisted of two boards, nine feet long, and they, upon each, dropped six and a half feet, the distance fixed for the prisoners to fall.

Almost instantly after striking the ground beneath the scaffold, Logan pulled the cap from his eyes to see if Lipsey had come down with him. Lipsey rose to his feet, and with little assistance (his feet having been untied,) ascended the scaffold. Lipsey had to be carried up, though he had not been seriously injured by the fall. No disturbance had been created by the fall, except that nearly the entire crowd seated on the hill side involuntarily rose to their feet.

The ropes were speedily readjusted. After the cap had been drawn over his eyes, and just before the rope was to be cut, Logan asked the time of day, and demanded to see a watch. The rope was raised, and a watch presented. He remarked, "Ah, you have twenty minutes yet—if it was 2 o'clock I would demand my liberty under the law," and turned away with a mentonal laugh that we could not have expected to witness coming from a dying man.

Lipsey required support to stand up. After being placed on the drop the second time, he said in a suppressed tone, as if to himself, "I don't think I'm a murderer at heart." Just before the rope was cut he said, "Be as quick as you can—I am fainting—I am just gone." These were his last words. Logan's were: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." A brief prayer from Mr. Taylor, and James Logan and William Lipsey passed into eternity, at the fall of the drop, with scarcely a struggle.

Lipsey has left a written confession. He said in prison that he belonged to a good family—that he once conducted himself properly, but that liquor had brought him to a terrible end. He was a young man—about twenty-five, we should think. Logan, also, has left a written confession.

We are informed that Logan's wife and children visited the scaffold after the bodies had been placed in the coffins. They were buried at the foot of a knoll near by, on the top of which is the graveyard.

More Executions.—Friday next, says the *Calaveras Chronicle*, is the day fixed for the execution of Thompson and O'Brien, who were sentenced at the last term of the District Court of Calaveras. The friends of Thompson are making great exertions to procure a commutation of his sentence from the Governor, or a pardon.

☞ The body of Jacob Rosenbaum, a Pole, who came to California in 1849, a soldier in Captain May's company of U. S. Dragoons, was found murdered in front of the premises of B. D. Wilson, Esq., of Los Angeles, on the 30th October. His death appeared to have been caused by blows on the head from a heavy knife, and the motive of the murder is supposed to have been a very small sum of money in his possession.

CRIMES IN SAN FRANCISCO.

The arrests were as follows for the month of October: For murder, 4; arson, 2; burglary, grand larceny, 28; petit larceny, 33; robbery, 2; swindling, 5; mayhem, 1; assault with intent to commit a rape, 1; forgery, 1; attempt to rob, 1; assault and battery, 100; disorderly conduct, 74; drunk and disorderly, 38; drunkenness, 80; escaped prisoners, 9; threats against life, 11; assault with deadly weapons, 8; misdemeanor, 10; obtaining money under false pretences, 1; fighting, 26; furious driving, 4; violating other ordinances, 7; insanity, 6; picking pockets, 1; contempt of Court, 1; vagrancy, 9; lodgers, (persons in destitute circumstances seeking the City Prison for shelter,) 26. Of the above, there were discharged, 445; fined, 89; sent to County Jail, 11; sent to City Prison, 34; sent to Court of Sessions, 12; sent to Insane Asylum, 1; sent to State Prison, 5; and bound over to keep the peace, 3.

Murders.—Three Chinamen are reported, the *Union* says, to have been murdered on the 2d inst. between Bidwell's and Spanish Ranch. The murderers subsequently stole a horse and were pursued by men belonging to the ranch into American Valley. Sheriff Beary, of Plumas County, and one of his deputies, being informed of the fact by the pursuers, engaged in the chase, overhauled the ruffians, and after exchanging some 15 shots, succeeded in capturing one of them.

The Marysville *Express* learns that a man named George Bettinger, killed another by the name of Wilson, at the Bell House, Nicolaus, on Sunday last. The difficulty originated in a small gambling debt, and both parties are said to have been under the influence of liquor. Wilson was stabbed to the heart with a bowie knife, and died instantly. He hailed from Jefferson City, Mo. Bettinger has been arrested and is now in jail in Marysville.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.

We have dates from Honolulu to Oct. 20—a week later than previous advices. We are under many obligations to Captain Spence for late news.

The Volcano in Action.—The *Polynesian* says: "A gentleman, resident of Honolulu, recently returned from Hawaii, reports the volcano in more active then it has exhibited since 1842-43. The roads were also in good order for traveling, and to persons desirous of visiting this wonder of the world, the present is a most favorable time for such an excursion."

The list of letters in the Post-Offices of Honolulu, Lahaina, and Hilo, for the captains, officers, and crews of whaleships, expected to touch at the islands, embraces 5,721 letters for 328 different ships. In addition to the above, there are remaining in the office at Honolulu some 5,000 letters for whalers, advertised last May, but not yet called for—making an aggregate of over 10,000. These would make a good many volumes, if printed in a book; and what a book!—"Letters to Whalemen!"

A New Enterprise.—Messrs. Swan & Clifford, says the *Polynesian*, are about erecting an ice house at the foot of Mauna-Kea-street, near the Lime Kiln, capable of containing a thousand tons of ice. We understand a vessel is expected in a few days from Sitka with 500 tons of ice, and a constant supply is anticipated in future from a company for whom Messrs. Swan & Clifford are the agents in Honolulu.

Return of Hawaiians.—By the brig *Prince de Joinville*, some forty-five Hawaiians returned to Honolulu from California, where they have been at work in the mines since 1849. They bring about $55,000 in cash, the proceeds of their labor, or an average of something near $1,200 each.

Arrival of the United States Frigate Susquehanna.—This splendid frigate, under the command of Captain Buchanan, and which formed part of the Japan Squadron, arrived at Honolulu on the 16th October, where she put in to get a supply of coal to continue her voyage to San Francisco. She may be expected here at any moment. The steam frigate *Mississippi* was to leave China three days after the *Susquehanna*, and was daily expected at Honolulu. It is possible she may come on direct to this place.

Ships-of-War at Honolulu.—On the 20th of October were at anchor in and off the harbor of Honolulu, the United States sloops-of-war *St. Mary's* and *Portsmouth*, the frigate *Susquehanna*, H. B. M. sloops-of-war *Trincomalee* and *Amphitrite*, and the French corvette *L'Artemise*. The last two were anchored outside the harbor, on the lookout for Russian ships.

The Sea Bird as the Islands.—The steamer *Sea Bird*, intended for the coasting trade among the Islands, arrived at Honolulu on the 14th of September. She was received with enthusiasm by the people, and on her trial trip from Honolulu, was so overrun by the natives that her officers were obliged to drive many of them off.

The clipper ship *Restless* reached Honolulu on the 19th September.

Kate Hayes and Party.—The bark *Fanny Major*, which carried down Kate Hayes and a number of theatrical personages, from this city to Australia, reached Apia, Navigator's Islands, on the 17th of August all well, and after a stay of four days, continued her voyage to Sydney.

Coal at the Sandwich Islands was very scarce. Capt. Spence could not obtain a few bushels for his own use on the *Henry William*.

SOCIETY ISLANDS.

The Small Pox.

We have dates from Tahiti to Aug. 13.

The epidemic which, during the months of June and July committed such fearful ravages among the native population of the Islands, seems to be drawing towards a close. It is remarkable that this scourge has completely spared the white race. Among the Europeans there is not one instance of death by the epidemic. The deaths have been terrible among the natives. In the District of Papara, a seventh part of the population were carried off by it. It spared neither [illegible] the chiefs [illegible] the priests [illegible] the king [illegible] the queen, [illegible] the princes [illegible] the princesses [illegible] the chief counsellor [illegible] the chief judge [illegible] the chief of the police [illegible] the chief of the navy [illegible] the chief of the army [illegible] the chief of the [illegible] the chief of the [illegible] the chief of the

NEW-YORK CITY.

POLITICAL.

Board of County Canvassers—Dec. 3.

The Board of County Canvassers met on Saturday, at 11 o'clock.

A communication, through a messenger from the office of the Secretary of the State of New-York, was received by the Board, demanding from the County Clerk the official canvass and statement of votes cast in the City and County of New-York at the recent election.

The letter was written in pursuance of the provision laid down in the statute, as found in the first volume of the fourth edition of the Revised Statutes, p. 363, chap. 6, Art. 2, sec. 26.

The closing up of the returns was protracted by the wrangling, on the part of the Supervisor of the Twelfth Ward, to sign the returns for Civil Justice in the Seventh Judicial District.

It was moved that a communication be addressed to him by the Secretary of the Board, in order to get his signature to the returns in question.

The President said that as no provision had been made in the statute even for the paying of the Secretary of this Board for the daily services he performed as such, nor for his assistant, the addition of this additional duty upon him to serve notices, was being before this body scored of its members, counsel rather inadvisable. He suggested that a meeting be made for the appointment of a Committee to wait upon the Supervisor of the Twelfth, and urge his attendance forthwith.

It was further stated that the returns of the Supervisor for the Tenth Ward were not yet endorsed by him, owing to sickness.

After some desultory conversation, it was moved and carried, in pursuance of the President's suggestion, that Supervisor BLUNT be requested to wait on the Supervisors whose returns were unsigned and procure their signatures thereto.

The Supervisor then withdrew.

During his absence the Supervisor for the Twelfth entered, and signed the returns from his Ward, which had been overlooked.

A conversation, which followed as to the newspapers, which it might be most proper to select for the publication of the returns in accordance with the statute, resulted in the appointment of the Supervisors of the Ninth, Sixteenth and Nineteenth Wards, as a Committee to consider the matter, and recommend such papers as, in their judgment, would be the best mediums through which to make those results known to the public.

The Committee on Publication reported in favor of the selection of the following papers in which to publish the returns: The *Herald, Tribune, Times, Evening Post, Sunday Dispatch, Sunday Atlas*, and *Express* (which had been omitted by mistake, but was subsequently put forward and appointed with the rest.)

The Report was adopted, and the above papers selected.

An attempt was made by the Supervisor for the Fifth Ward to have the *National Democrat* selected also; but as his motion was not seconded, it fell to the ground.

The Board now took a recess till 2 o'clock P. M. *At 2 o'clock they again met, there being but three members present.*

Supervisor BLUNT reported that he had seen the Supervisor for the Twelfth and sent him up to the Board, and that after considerable difficulty he had succeeded also in finding the Supervisor of the Tenth somewhere about the North River, but so preoccupied were that gentleman's duties there that he could not present himself at the Board, but had signed the returns at his place of business.

The Committee (Mr. BLUNT) was then discharged with thanks.

THE FINALE—THE PRESIDENT'S CLOSING SPEECH.

—THE REGALLY NEWSPAPERS,

"All work and poor pay
Makes Jack a dull boy."

With the approach of the day that was to terminate the last Session of the Board, all the excitement and interest that were connected with its proceedings in the earlier sittings, vanished, and the crowds of anxious candidates and their retainers, who, for the first five or six days had crammed the passages and filled up the seats not apart for the public, gradually dwindled down into a few disinterested and listless hangers-on. Even these, on the last day, shunk away one by one, until at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, there were not altogether a dozen persons in the Chamber. At the table, to the left of the President, leaned Alderman BLUNT, whose attendance during the meetings of the Board had been characterized by a more exemplary politeness and regularity. Near him, but still more adjacent to the grate, the messenger for the State Secretary's Office reclined in his chair in an attitude of entire resignation, bordering on a state of complete unconsciousness; and some disorder of the surrounding sense and himself, at whose peaceful cheek he was now presiding. A seat beside him bore the heavy form of the Alderman from the Ninetenth, whose unswerving devotion to his duties had been rewarded at the last hour with an order for the publication of the returns in the *Atlas*. On the other side a gentleman of the press was, leaning with his back in close proximity to the fire, and his legs distended at an angle perceptibly verging on the obtuse. A counsel was seated at the table, drawing certain indescribable figures on the paper before him, and philosophizing probably on the merit of sacrificing a comfortable dinner to duty. As the twilight *faded a sombre shade stole over the chamber*, that would have amounted to total obscurity but for the *faint and reddish glare that yet penetrated* through the heavy draperies of the windows, and the flickering glimmer that shot upwards now and then from the lighting centers in the grates. A sepulchral silence prevailed, and *was for a long time unbroken*, save by the hurried scribble of the pens so dexterously plied by the Secretary and his juvenile assistants. After a wearisome hour had been thus solemnly spent, the clerk rose to announce that the making up of the aggregate returns was now completed. He read them, and resumed his seat with an air of quiet satisfaction not out of keeping with the occasion.

Then the President, rising with portentous gravity and casting a winning and significant look towards the messenger's table, said:

The business having been completed, and the results *of hurling* now the statements and the declarations on the subject of the various offices, it is in the recollection of the gentlemen present, should have that the declarations and statements be duly attested by the Chairman and Secretary, and filed by the County Clerk.

A motion to the effect proposed was put by Supervisor BLUNT, of the Third Ward, and carried unanimously by himself and his companions of the Twelfth ward.

The President continued: I am not aware that there is any further official duty, either the Board of County Canvassers to perform. Two hours have passed well in the service of the people, and the duties of the Board of County Canvassers, I think, that I can congratulate you, that never before was a canvass completed so early as this day by any Board of County Canvassers, in the State and County of New-York, at least within the last ten years. The results, perhaps, will not please all, but we have done the duty assigned us, and done it as well as we could. We have met on the 21st day of November, but in this instance we have waited for the result from the other towns, which delay has not been caused by us, but we have done the duty assigned us as well as we could do. You have been patient, gentlemen of the Board, in the discharge of your duties, and I am sure I speak the sentiments of the gentlemen present when I say that we have been most fortunate in our intercourse with the Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Canvassers of Election in this City, and I am sure that every gentleman present will join with me in saying that we have found in the Chairman and Secretary of the Board of County Canvassers gentlemen of the highest character, very kind and courteous in their intercourse with us, without that we could not have performed our duties so well as we have done. I am sure, gentlemen, I speak the sentiments of every one present when I say

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The TIMES FOR CALIFORNIA will be issued Tuesday Morning, in ample season for the mails per steamship George Law. It will contain a complete Summary of Domestic and Foreign Intelligence down to the sailing of the last steamer; Editorial Articles on current topics; News items of interest from all parts of the United States; full Commercial Summaries, Reports of Public Meetings, Marriages, Deaths, &c. Price, in wrappers ready for mailing, 6¼ cents per copy.

Congress.

Congress meets to day at 12 o'clock. In the Senate it will be necessary to elect a President, as Senator ATCHISON has resigned. Senator BRIGHT is indicated as his successor. In the House, Hon. LYNN BOYD, of Kentucky, will take the Chair as Speaker. As there will be no delay in organizing, the Message will undoubtedly be sent in to-day, and we shall be able to publish it in the DAILY TIMES of to-morrow morning.

News by the Star of the West.

The *Star of the West*, with news eight days later from California, and with somewhat later news from the Sandwich and Society Islands also, arrived on Saturday afternoon. There is nothing startling in any of it, though it will be enjoyed by those who are fond of the details of duels, hangings, and "all that sort of entertainment." Much miscellaneous local matter also transpires that the reader will be pleased to see. From the Sandwich Islands, on the one great question of Annexation, nothing additional is furnished. We do not know whether Mr. Consul-General MILLER has "heard from his Government" yet or not, and hence do not know whether it is proper for us to re-agitate the Annexation matter. May our suspense be as brief as possible. The small-pox, though still prevalent in the Society Islands, is diminishing in frequency, and "affairs look up."

The Wreck of the Arctic.

We are glad to be able to state that the differences between the owners of the *Arctic* and Mr. DOMIAN, which have lately been brought before the public through the columns of the DAILY TIMES, have been mutually explained and satisfactorily adjusted. We deem it due to both parties to state, after having made a very careful examination of the whole case, that those differences grew entirely out of misunderstandings on both sides,—and that neither party has at any time desired to do any injustice to the other. There was unquestionably a lamentable lack of discipline and good conduct on board the *Arctic* at the time of the wreck;—and the Company very naturally felt that public confidence in their ships could be retained most effectually, and with least injury to personal feelings, by the adoption of a general order that no one connected with the *Arctic* should be hereafter employed in the line. Mr. DOMIAN's apparent dismissal grew out of the enforcement of this regulation;—and if the mode in which he was informed of it was needlessly abrupt and harsh, it is to be attributed to haste and carelessness, rather than to any willingness to wound his feelings, or to seem insensible to the manliness of his conduct and the value of his services.

Mr. DOMIAN undoubtedly understood Mr. COLLINS to refuse him a certificate; and he attributed that refusal to his having stated a fact concerning the wreck which came under his personal observation. We learn from Mr. COLLINS himself that this is wholly a mistake. He never gives certificates to subordinate officers, except on the authority of their superiors,—for the obvious reason that from the nature of the case he can have no other knowledge of their conduct than what he receives from that quarter. In this case Mr. COLLINS designed merely to apprise Mr. DOMIAN of this fact, intending to obtain from Captain LUCE the certificate which DOMIAN deserved and to give it his full endorsement. This certificate has been cheerfully given by Captain LUCE and is entirely satisfactory to Mr. DOMIAN and his friends. Mr. COLLINS disclaims, furthermore, in the most emphatic manner having authorized or known of the public mention made of DOMIAN's having received from him or from the Company any gratuity,—feeling that he had justly earned all that he had received. Of course all differences concerning arrears of wages due are also at an end.

We learn, furthermore, from Mr. COLLINS and others responsibly connected with the line, that they will gladly do anything in their power to promote any investigation into the circumstances of the wreck, which the proper authorities may institute. They are desirous, as they always have been, to do whatever may promote the safety of the ships under their control, and to bring to the public knowledge the measures they have taken to secure that result. And they are confident, that, in this instance, whatever faults may have been committed by individual officers and others, no blame can rest upon the Company for the awful catastrophe, from which they have personally suffered quite as deeply as any other portion of the community. In our first article upon this subject we said we had reason to believe that the managers of the line took steps to keep certain details of this disaster from the public knowledge. We made this statement upon the information that, on reaching Newhaven, Captain LUCE received a message from the office of the Company requesting him to make no communications on the subject to reporters for the press. This information came to us from a reliable quarter; but we now learned that it was erroneous, and that no such message was sent to Captain LUCE. We are happy to correct this statement, and to withdraw the inference which it seemed to warrant.

Upon another page of this morning's issue we publish a statement will we have made ready by Capt. LUCE himself in vindication of his own conduct during the four hours and three quarters that the *Arctic* floated after the collision. Whether he designed it as a protest against the action of the Company, or whether he gave it upon solicitation as an aid to the private malignity of the print in which it is published, of course we are not aware. In neither case does it call for remark from us. We have divested it of the turgid and innocent billingsgate by which it was accompanied, and have no doubt that, in its present form, it will be read with interest by the public at large.

The City Post-Office.

Were individual enterprise and action, in this country, on a par with the enterprise and action of the Executive body, at this moment, New-York, instead of being one of the first commercial cities in the world, would figure as a port with some 40,000 inhabitants—slow, heavy, plodding, like the defunct Knickerbockers. *Here*, individuals have done, and do, everything, while the Government only talk of what ought to be done. And when they are goaded into action, by the pressure of public opinion, it would almost seem as if they had calculated, to a cent, what was the smallest possible quantity that the positive public would be satisfied with.

There is the Post-Office. If there be any place on the American side of the Atlantic, which, from its population, trade, commerce, and vast enterprise is entitled to a proper Post-Office it is New-York, the Empire City. Pass a few years, and its population will exceed a million. It is even fairly within the expectancy of men on whose brow middle age has set its signet that, within their life-time, they shall see New-York with 2,000,000 inhabitants. Yet what is the present, what has been the past Post-Office accommodation of New-York? It is located in a narrow street; it is wholly inadequate for the duties to be performed within it; and so limited is its extent that there actually is not room within its walls, for any thing like the adequate number of clerks to get through its hourly augmenting business. For years past there has been a cry—a public clamor for the removal of the Post Office, and the transfer of its multitudinous business, to a suitable building in a central and easily accessible location. But cry and clamor have hitherto been almost without avail. The General Government of the United States seem to let the complaint go in at one ear and go out at the other. Despite all the pressure from without, the old Post-Office is continued, inconvenient to the last. There are grumblings, of course, because, every now and then, mistakes occur—such as sending a bag of Providence letters to the office of the NEW-YORK DAILY TIMES; but, all things considered, the wonder is, that such mistakes do not occur constantly, instead of now and then. Where two clerks, from actual want of space in the office, have to do the work of three, how can the business be satisfactorily carried on?

The Executive has made up its mind, at last, to look for a suitable site for a new Post-Office. *That* is not much, but it is a great deal—for the Executive! Let them proceed, at their own snail-like space, and the locality will be determined on—about the year 1864. Another ten years might see the building actually erected. But this slow and easy way of getting on—so much akin to standing still—is not quite to the satisfaction of the public, who appear resolved to take the business into their own hands, if delays be further incurred. We verily believe that if, half a dozen years ago, our leading public men, merchants, commercialists, and capitalists, had determined to build a new and suitable Post-Office, in a convenient locality, the money would easily have been supplied by subscription or upon bond, and the building would be in full and advantageous operation even now. In the European monarchies, nearly all the public improvements in great cities are undertaken and accomplished by the Executive, (such as the street improvements of Paris and the sanitary changes in London,) but with us it is the public who do, and the Executive who do not.

Our Board of Aldermen, who deserve credit for taking up this Post-Office affair in a business-like manner, lately directed a Special Committee to "confer with the General Government to ascertain if proper and suitable arrangements could be entered into between the City of New-York and the United States Government for the erection of a building for a Post-Office at the southern end of the Park, or some place contiguous thereto," and their instructions were framed on the undeniable fact that the location of the new Post-Office is of great importance to the interest and convenience of the City, for

"The business of the City during the last few years has been moving to the north to such an extent that the present location is too far south to meet the accommodations of our citizens who most frequent the Post-Office; and as the Park is now getting to be more the centre of business, it is desirable that the Post-Office should be located on or near that place. This would bring the Post-Office in close proximity with the other public buildings of the City."

The suggestion has considerable weight.

The report of this Special Committee, (which we published some days since,) has been laid before the Board of Aldermen, and recommends that the Corporation should lease to the United States, so much of the Park, south of a line parallel with the south side of Park place as may be required as a Post-Office site. This conclusion is the result of the Committee's deliberation, after an interview with Mr. CAMPBELL, the Postmaster General, in which they were made acquainted with that functionary's opinion. Mr. CAMPBELL, after examining several sites which had been suggested, had determined that the Park locality possessed convenience which far surpassed any other locality in New-York, it being more central, *convenient* and easier of access.

This may be said to settle the question of locality, so far as the United States Government have a voice in it—and *their* decision, we believe, is potential. The Committee, it seems, entertain a similar opinion—the centrality of the Park location being, of itself, an almost unanswerable reason why it should be preferred. Business is moving "up town,"—a Post-Office in the Park is better than on the end of Nassau-street,—access would be easy on all sides,—ventilation and light are attainable there to the fullest extent,—the Park is central not only for the business part of the City, but for the dwellers in the cities on the river side, in New-Jersey and Long Island,—the lines of City railways centre there,—nearly all the stages pass by it,—and, last but not least, the rent to be paid for that fragment of the Park would be a handsome annual item on the credit side of corporation revenue.

Against all these circumstances the only reasonable objection is that the public would be deprived of a portion of the ground set apart for their private use. But *is* it so used? Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens may be "the lungs" of London, but our Park does not contain as many square *yards* as those do *acres*. It is a nominal Park, and nothing more. Who walk in it for pleasure—for health? None. It is not "a Park," nor a garden, but simply a graveled spot railed in, with some trees sprinkled here and there.

At all events, the Executive have been badgered into giving us a new Post-Office. That is something. The next point (which Mr. CAMPBELL and the Aldermen's Committee have been employed upon) is to procure the best possible site. The last is to take care that the new building be fully adequate not only for the present postal business, but for the vast increase which must spring up with the unexampled increase of the population, trade, commerce, and capital of the Empire City. Build the new Post-Office on such a scale that it will be capable, for the next hundred or hundred and fifty years, of having any to-be-reasonably-expected quantity of business done within its walls. Let us bear in mind the instance (lately mentioned in this journal) of the General Post-Office in London, opened in 1827, and, for the last ten years, notwithstanding various additions at vast cost, found to be so wholly inadequate for the business to be done in it, that another erection, on a mammoth scale, and at a mammoth expense, is spoken of as inevitable.

In truth, such is the increasing wealth and population of this country that, in many cases, it is difficult to decide how to provide for the present with an eye to the future. A few humble dwellings are erected in a good situation, and speedily a change comes on, and we have the various and rapid succession of hamlet, village, town, city. So quick is our mural growth that all these transitions sometimes pass within a few years, so that what was a suitable public building for the village in 1850, is wholly inadequate for the populous and rising city of 1854. But in New-York we have attained a certain maturity, and have data on which to ground a fair expectancy of the Future. We know, from what has been, even within our own memory, that an immense increase of postal business is to be expected year after year, and we must provide accordingly.

To be "penny wise and pound foolish" when thus building for Posterity, (as we must do with our Post-Office) is not to be thought of. New-York is entitled to, and should possess, not only the largest and best Post-Office in the United States, but one as large and as good as any in the world. For our growth is greater than that of any other city, in any country whatever, and must be considered accordingly. In such a case as this parsimony would be contemptible. We go in for a Post-Office worthy of the Present and the Future of New-York. Let the public insist on having it. They can decide the question.

Rumored Discovery of Sir John Franklin's Remains by Dr. Kane.

Among the telegraphic dispatches which we publish this morning is one from Albany giving an extract from the *Lake Superior Mining News*, that will attract universal attention. It—the *Mining News*—purports to learn from private letters that the bodies of Sir JOHN FRANKLIN and his men have been found by Dr. KANE's party, completely frozen and in a state of perfect preservation. As at the last accounts Dr. KANE was searching the regions north of Smith's Sound, and as the relics of one party of FRANKLIN's men found by Dr. RAE were discovered very far south of this, and in such position as to induce the general belief that the ships of the lost navigator must have been left somewhere along that coast, we suspect it will be thought that this story, until its details shall compel belief, lacks probability.

After Dr. RAE's discoveries were promulgated, little hope was entertained that Dr. KANE would be able to report anything throwing much additional light upon FRANKLIN's fate,—his mapped out course leading in a directly different direction from that which Dr. RAE indicates as the one that most promised to reward further search. At the late meeting of the Royal Geographical Society, where Dr. RAE read a paper, and the nobles in geographical science freely criticised it, none hinted at Smith's Sound as a place possible to contain the long-sought lost ones; Dr. RAE himself thought if FRANKLIN's party was divided, one ship might have steered for Lancaster Sound, which would leave a possibility of its making way toward Smith's Sound. But his impression was that the party never divided. Dr. SOMERBY thought that very likely the ships were yet afloat, but if so, he thought they were seeking the American main, by the southwest course. Sir JOHN ROSS thought that it had divided, and while one party sought Boothia River, the other sought to escape by FURY and HECLA Straits. Col. RAMSAY thought FRANKLIN attempted to push west by Cape Walker, and toward the southwest,—directly away from the presumed field of Dr. KANE's search. Sir JOHN ROSS, Capt. KELLETT and Capt. MCCLURE, though not entirely agreeing on other points, united in the opinion that the place to make further search was along the western coast of Baffin's Bay. None spoke of the northern coast as likely to reward any further search. But here, unless the position of Dr. KANE has been entirely mistaken, according to this telegraphic story, the frozen bodies must have been found. Given up, as the noble FRANKLIN has been so long, it would now be a most melancholy gratification to find his inanimate remains; and anything which promises to solve the mystery of his fate will be eagerly awaited. We hardly dare hope that our bold countryman has had any such fortune. We shall have the details of the story soon however.

The Virginia Democracy.

The rumor by telegraph is, that after a hard fight in the State Democratic Convention at Staunton, HENRY A. WISE has been nominated for Governor. The election is in April next; but if this nomination has really been made, the result is as sure now as then. It will not be hard to say who is *not* Governor before the votes are counted. There will be no CLARK and SEYMOUR polling; no plurality or majority counting by hundreds only. Mr. WISE is doomed to defeat, and the "rock-ribbed" Democracy of the Old Dominion, which withstood the Whig storms of 1840 and 1848, to fearful wreck. He is the Jonah of any ship of party that he sails with, and without half the original Jonah's good nature. The day was an unlucky one, we well remember, when he joined the Whigs against General JACKSON and Mr. VAN BUREN. Fiery, willful, and impracticable, he could never be led to reasonable party action, and never had the judgment to lead others with any degree of safety. He had a bitter tongue, as well as mischievous temper; and his philippics, which were occasionally powerful, lost half their force by the venom of his personalities. He was savage, even to personal affront, upon Mr. POLK, in 1835-6, while Mr. P. was Speaker of the House of Representatives, and this only created sympathy for that gentleman among his constituents in Tennessee. And he finally ruined the cause which he espoused, after it had triumphed without aid from his own State, by prompting the desertion of JOHN TYLER, on the death of General HARRISON. This was done from sheer personal disappointment, and sudden hatred to Mr. CLAY, who was supposed to have preferred a Kentucky colleague for Speaker of the House, to the Virginia aspirant. Of course, the transition from Tylerism to the Democratic party again was an easy one. But he has brought no good to their cause since. He received a rich office abroad from Mr. TYLER; he was permitted to retain it by Mr. POLK, and now seeks the first honor of his State, after having, by his abuse of the Know-Nothings, put himself in position for inglorious defeat.

It is quite evident from what we have seen in the Richmond Democratic papers, and heard from the Staunton Convention, that he has not won his nomination without a severe struggle on the part of his friends. Perhaps not without his usual threats of vengeance in case another should be preferred. There is method in much of his madness, but a method of entire and absorbing selfishness. He has too much sense not to know that the new element which has entered into the politics of the country, and which is everywhere understood to be rife and eminently popular in Virginia, will overwhelm his nomination. But he carries down the Democratic cause with it. He has forced the party to recognize his claims, and in this his morbid ambition is satisfied, for the moment. He will compel them, too, to adopt as their own his indiscreet course against the American party, in order to vindicate his nomination before the rank and file of the Democracy. The Whigs of the State will pursue the opposite and more conciliatory policy. They will either take up a man like Mr. SUMMERS or Mr. RIVES, not obnoxious to the Know-Nothings, or tacitly concur in the nomination made by the new party. The result, we repeat, cannot be doubtful, as far as Mr. WISE is concerned.

City Advertising.

The following note from Mr. CARSON brings to public notice another of the many instances in which the public interests suffer from the disgraceful mode of advertising the public notices, proposals for contracts, &c., &c., of the several Departments of the City Government:

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

Perceiving that there has been much discussion of late, respecting the mode of advertising the work to be done for the Corporation, and that a resolution has passed the Common Council, directing the Comptroller to issue proposals for advertising in journals of the largest circulation, and believing this to be essential to the best interests of the City, I conceive it to be my duty to make the following statement respecting the estimates that were received and opened on Friday last, for work to be done for the Fire Department:

I was at the office of the Commissioner of Repairs and Supplies when these estimates were received, and when Mr. JAMES SMITH, an engine builder, came to put in his estimates, he was told that he was too late, whereupon he stated that he did not see the advertisement, or he would have been there in time. I was not surprised to learn that Mr. SMITH, or others, did not see it, as I was obliged to call at the Commissioner's office, myself, to ascertain in what newspapers the proposals were published, when I was informed that they were published in the *National Democrat* only. When the estimates were opened, I ascertained that there was only one bid for building engine No. 29—one for hook and ladder No. 13,—one for repairing engine No. 26,—and only one for furnishing twenty thousand feet of hose to the Department.

I regret that I cannot make a statement respecting the estimates opened, at the same time, for the buildings. As this work is not superintended by me, I paid but little attention to it.

ALFRED CARSON, Chief Engineer.
CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE, Dec. 2, 1854.

NB. In sending the above and many valuable articles on Trade with Japan, published in the DAILY TIMES a few days since, we accidentally omitted to state that it was written by S. WELLS WILLIAMS, LL. D., who was interpreter to the Expedition, and whose works upon China have made him favorably known to the literary world. We publish in another part of this morning's paper an interesting Correspondence between Com. PERRY and the American Merchants in Canton.

Amusements.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The Opera of the "Favorita" will positively be produced to-night. We anticipate one of the decided successes of the present campaign. New scenery has been prepared by Signor ALLEGRI, and all the costumes are new, made expressly for this occasion. There will, we trust, be a full house.

We observe that Messrs. DODWORTH have secured this house for Saturday Evening Concerts, the first of which will take place next Saturday.

BROADWAY THEATRE.—Miss DAVENPORT commences the second week of her engagement to-night as the heroine in "Adrienne the Actress." During the past week this admirable actress has drawn good houses.

On Thanksgiving night a new farce, called the "Blighted Being," was played here for the first time. The hero, *Job Wort*, (DAVIDGE) is one of those strange beings who yearn for fame without any earthly possibility of attaining it. The knowledge of this fact operates on his gloomy nature, and makes him a Blighted Being. He prefers death with notoriety to life without fame, and therefore determines to poison himself, but as he lacks the courage to take his own life, he leaves the job to an unscrupulous apothecary, who is to produce the desired result without Job's knowing anything about it. No sooner has he made this arrangement than he discovers that a lady who he imagined had blighted his heart really loves him; he hears also of a relation who has kindly died and left him a fortune. Of course he wishes to live, but alas, the apothecary knows nothing of that wish, and Job is kept in a ludicrous state of apprehension; he suspects every one of acting under secret instructions to kill him. It turns out in the end that a friend of Job's has intercepted and procured from the apothecary a dose of blue pill instead of a more active poison.

Mr. DAVIDGE makes the most of the hero, and exercises to its fullest extent his family for broad humor. A little more quietude would, perhaps, be an improvement, but without this there is abundant merriment, and a "Blighted Being" is certainly one of the most amusing individuals we have seen on the Broadway stage for some time.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—HOLCROFT's Comedy of the "Road to Ruin" will be played here to-night; followed by the farce entitled "The New Footman." On Wednesday a new Comedy, called "Two to one, or the King's Visit," is to be produced.

BURTON'S.—"The Upper Ten and Lower Twenty" every night until further notice, and the "Blighted Being."

NIBLO'S GARDEN.—The English version of "Lucia" is still on the bills here.

METROPOLITAN THEATRE.—Mr. JAMES Anderson, the tragedian, commences an engagement here to-night. "Hamlet" is selected for the occasion.

Mrs. MACready, the actress, announces a dramatic reading to-morrow evening at Hope Chapel.

Mr. DEMPSTER will give one of his ballad entertainments to-night at the Tabernacle. The programme is long and well selected.

Miss TERESA EMMONS announces a farewell night at Hope Chapel on Thursday next.

A Saturday Night Rehearsal.

Not one in five hundred of our readers, we presume, ever attended an Opera rehearsal—certainly not an informal, free and easy one, such as it was our accidental fortune to witness for an hour or more on Saturday night. The scene is all, together unique, but we shall not undertake to describe it as it really is. The strange points about it are not more remarkable than the funny ones; and the last must be looked upon and heard to be fully appreciated. No one with the slightest eye or ear for the ridiculous could be with these birds of song, at the Academy of Music, divested of their fine feathers, without entering into the grotesque spirit of the business of "rehearsal." From the reigning queen of nightingales, and the king tenor of warblers, to the humblest member of the choir, the absence is complete and refreshing. The conductor, chorus-master and stage manager make up the compliment of numbers. The impresario is at present a something that approaches a myth. Mr. HACKETT, like one of the wicked Kings of old, has "gone to grass"—but not for his wickedness, be it understood—or like another King, of modern time, has given place to a Republican Directory. In other words, the Executive Committee of the stockholders in our new and peerless temple of Music are the managers of the Opera, "for a short season only." Their names must be sought for in the merchant list, or among the retired gentlemen on the Avenue. They are men of note and substance in "the Sugar and Cotton line," the worthy and wealthy owners of clipper ships, and pensioners on the riches of their own gathering, who take as much pride in catering for the musical taste of their fellow-citizens as they formerly did in the successes of a thrifty trade, or the enterprises of a wide-spread commerce. We cannot name them all. Mr. HENRY A. COIT is one, Mr. MOSES H. GRINNELL another; Mr. PAYNE, Jr., a third, and so on. But to the rehearsal.

"La Favorita" is to be the Opera this week. It was ready for last Friday, but the baritone was ill, and so postponed until this evening. Meanwhile M. BADIALI recovered his stage legs, and on Saturday night a further rehearsal was had, as we have remarked, informally. The new scenery for this great masterpiece of DONIZETTI was "rehearsed;" the choruses ditto, and some of the concerted passages and "situations" tried. The orchestra was not *set*. M. ARDITI was at his post, but without baton. He had a cabinet instrument before him, to which the company sang piano, during the business of the scene, but waltzed *forte* while this was being arranged for. M. ALLEGRI, the scenic artist, was present, and exhibited part of the magnificent views which are to delight the eye this evening. It was 8 o'clock before MARIO and GRISI walked in; every one present delighted to see them. The night was cold, and both celebrities closely wrapped up. Such rare and delicate organs as they are blessed with need to be cared for, as against the rude and arbitrary winds of Manhattan Island. Signor MARIO was soon "hale fellow well met" with the vocal group. His contrast was in the newest style—newest, and oddest to our thinking. You have seen the cut of the coat, no doubt—long waisted, long skirts, and full at the extremities. You never find such coats on a regular N. Y. B. is it was with their Anti-Catholic habit. A disciple of LOYOLA, on the other hand, would be at home in one of them. He wore a jaunty hat, which really covered his head, too not on the lee of his fair companion, which, true to the latest mode, followed hers at a respectful distance, dangling with delight that it was in the train of so superb and world-renowned an artiste. GRISI's cloak was of rich maroon velvet, comfortable and becoming, and her robe otherwise plain. Both artists were in excellent humor. Signor M. took pinch after pinch of snuff, which he sneezed, and distributed to everybody, business, music, &c. Madame GRISI equally complaisant to all around her, full of genial grace as the suitable tones was rich in fun and frolic.

The grand opera scene of "La Favorita" has much of its grandeur and more of its melancholy on this occasion. The sequence is of scenes well remembered. The Cardinal appeared like the picture of GARRICK, halting between Thalia and Melpomene. A young fellow in M. SUSINI, a Friar of Connecticut, in appearance and bearing of genius, but otherwise very unlike a minute of His Holiness on the Coast of Spain. It will be different with him this evening; and for his voice—there is no such basso professed on this Continent. M. BADIALI also defends to such informal scenes, though the finished actor is natural to him, even in rehearsal. The Stage Manager, M. DUMESNIL, mustered and martyr-marched his choral troop, much after the style of a militia training, but well enough to make his points understood. The trial of voices was simple and pleasing with the chorus; it was slight and amusing with the great actors. The Cardinal gave his "*Io son quello*," &c., ("I come to administer vengeance on thee,") between a solemn flourish of his cigar at the naughty King, and a pirouette to the air of the Young Folks! Leonora touched the key-note of "*O mio Fernando*," and then turned away to smile at a jaconot, which MARIO had transferred from his bosom—where she had just placed it for safe keeping—to the hand of his lady; and the only touch of his quality which *Fernando* gave us in "*Una sorgiva*," was broken off for a side word with M. ARDITI on the state of the weather; and so on to the end of the amusing chapter.

How changed the scene this evening! An admiring audience; a well trained orchestra; a splendid wardrobe, and the stage unities of time, place and action will fill up the volume of attraction in one of the most popular, as it is one of the richest of DONIZETTI's Operas.

MARINE NEWS.

Another Disaster at Sea—Refusal of a Vessel to take off those on the Wreck.

The ship *Hemisphere*, PRAY, Commander, from Havre, arrived at this port yesterday, reports that on November 20, in lat. 39° 40', lon. 71° 46', she fell in with the bark *Mayang*, Captain DOWNS, from Latilla River, for Boston, water logged and dismasted. She took off the Captain and crew, and brought them to this port.

The following is Captain DOWNS' report:

November 22d—we sailed from St. Andrews' Bay with a light breeze from S. W. 22d—a light breeze from S., and cloudy; our vessel making but little or no water.

On the 24th we had strong gales from S. to S. S. E., and squally. Close-reefed the sail; tried the pumps, and found she made more water than usual. On the 25th, in lat. 38° 42', lon. 70° 15', the wind hauled to W. N. W., a strong gale, and the leak increasing daily. We kept one pump continually going. On the 26th strong gales continued from the west, the leak still increasing, and both pumps going a good part of the day. On the 27th, wind N. W.; strong gales; tacked to S. W., thinking to get in. Found the leak about the same as yesterday. In lat. 39° 05', lon. 73° 49', 28th—Strong gale from N. W. to W. N. W. Found it impossible to fetch the land. Wore ship and stood to north, thinking to make the land on that tack. On the 29th, in lat. 38° 39', lon. 71° 50', at noon, wind N. W., and strong gales. At 6 P. M. we sounded the pumps, and found two feet water in the hold. Took in foresail, foretopsail, have too, and manned her out; but found that the pumps would but just keep her free. Kept her before the wind, but she leaked the same. At 3 A. M. let her come to again, and at 9 P. M. a heavy sea struck her and she commenced filling very fast, and the pumps going continually. At midnight, four feet of water; at 1 o'clock A. M. of the 30th, she filled and fell over on her side. Cut away her masts and she righted, a complete wreck, with nothing above water. I went on to the top of her house at daylight, where I saw a number of vessels pass at a distance, but none near enough to see us. At 10 o'clock A. M., *a fore-and-aft schooner passed so near that we could almost read her name; and although we had a signal of distress flying and could see two men in her rigging looking at us, she offered no assistance.* Soon after we saw a ship steering for us, which proved to be the *Hemisphere*, Capt. PRAY, of New-York, who took us off the wreck, treated us with great kindness and supplied us with clothes, &c. To Capt. P. and his officers I feel very grateful, for had it not been for their timely aid we should doubtless have perished, as we had no provisions or water, and nothing except what we stood in.

C. F. DOWNS,
Late Master of bark *Mayang* of New-York.

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The above vessel was towed by Captain S. W. Mallory, pilot of the steamer Grand Turk, who moored her safely yesterday without damage. They were all brought safely, but the portion designed for the Indians was left for the future. The bill of lading mentioned 1,000 bags, but contained the number and weight unknown. The footed was to be sold at a certain rate per pound, and in the margin of the bill of lading the figures 20,700 were put as the weight of the cotton. What was claimed against the vessel was that there should be 20,700 pounds of cotton, which, if at 10c. per pound, would be $2,070, and which, if at 12c., would be $2,484. The difference between the weight claimed and the weight found, was 1,700 pounds, which, at 10c., would be $170, and at 12c. $204

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The Weather.

We had been impressed for some time that the fine weather which we have been favored with during November was altogether too fine to last long. On Saturday the change came. Yesterday it came considerably more so. Such weather! Rain! rain! rain! which remained on the pavement in an indescribable consistency, abominably cold, disagreeably wet and disgustingly nasty. And the wind yesterday—wasn't it an exceptionable? Strong signs creaked, shutters and blinds banged, umbrellas turned inside out, hats took their departure from the heads of their possessors at such a rate as to suggest the idea that the hats were not paid for, and had been sent for by the unfortunate owners. Late in the evening the rain stopped. Won't everybody glad! But snow followed it, and such a snow! It was an insignificant but an impertinent snow; very familiar upon short acquaintance, and it was still falling at the time the papers went to press this morning.

MESMERISM.

Arrest of two Professors.

The following facts relative to mesmeric practice occurred yesterday:

It seems that GEORGE FARLAND, residing in Forty-first-street, and Dr. HOFFMAN, residing at No. 70 Suffolk-street, both mesmeric practitioners, went to a boarding-house in Church-street and induced a young girl to submit herself as a subject for mesmeric experiments. The request was granted, and they succeeded in placing the girl in a mesmeric sleep, in which she remained for eight hours. The "operators" commenced their work at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and the girl did not recover her consciousness until after midnight.

The gentlemen became greatly alarmed in consequence of their efforts to awaken her failing; Dr. HALLOCK was called in the emergency. Members of the Medical profession, the neighbors, the Police, and the Alderman of the Ward, were appealed to, and immediately proceeded to the scene of excitement. The professors were taken into custody and held to await the result.

Captain CARPENTER of the Fifth Ward Police, makes the following statement respecting the affair:

GEORGE FARLAND, of No. 189 Forty-first-street, and Dr. HOFFMAN, of No. 70 Suffolk-street, Professors of the science of Mesmerism, called at the house of Mrs. HILLER, No. 120 Church-street, yesterday afternoon to exhibit their science in the line of business. A girl named AMANDA, who boarded with Mrs. H., and had been put to sleep by the operation of FARLAND, and so easily awakened, on this occasion, however, FARLAND and Dr. HOFFMAN, to exhibit the magnetic influence they had to bear upon her, left hold of and shook her down and then for her breath in her ear. They continued about 4 o'clock P. M. After throwing her asleep, they waited her into a chair, and in a short time they succeeded in awaken her by their usual method, but, to use their own words, their power had left them. They continued their efforts for two hours or more, but failed to awaken her. Yesterday afternoon, FARLAND and Dr. HOFFMAN called on Dr. HALLOCK, a regular practitioner of medicine, residing in the rear of Mrs. HILLER's house, and requested Dr. HALLOCK to call at the Station-House of the 6th Ward, which he did. I then went to the house occupied by Mrs. HILLER, and found Dr. HALLOCK, and FARLAND and Dr. HOFFMAN in the room with the girl, and on my arrival they commenced their operations to awaken the girl, but